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Logistics professionals



By Col. David Nakayama
48th Logistics Group commander

When asked to define logistics, many might say it means supply. That's true, but only partially. Some textbooks call logistics "an art and a science." That's also true, but it doesn't give the whole picture. I prefer to think of logistics as all those actions needed to perform any function. That's a fairly broad definition, and it just might explain why the "Log Group" is the biggest in the Liberty Wing. The six squadrons that make up the 48th Logistics Group perform well in many disciplines, and this "Jet 48" tells you about how proudly we do our jobs and, more importantly, how we contribute to the 48th Fighter Wing's leading-edge mission.

The 48th Contracting Squadron at RAF Feltwell does just what its name implies, and they do it well! As you'll read in their accompanying article, they process a tremendous number of orders that obligate more than \$33 million in services and equipment annually. Not only do they obtain goods and services to support Department of Defense agencies throughout the United Kingdom and Norway, they are also called upon to provide contracting services in Africa, Europe and Southwest Asia.

Working hand-in-hand with our contractors are the proud men and women of the 48th Supply Squadron. Stop and think ... if you've worn it, driven it, written on or with it, filled your tank with it, fired it, deployed with it or fixed aircraft or vehicles with it, chances are good it came to you through the supply squadron. Their numbers are equally impressive – 32,000 different types of items worth more than \$644 million – all representing the tremendous capabilities of the supply squadron.

The 48th Transportation Squadron combines the specialized talents of vehicle operators, vehicle maintainers, traffic management specialists and contingency support

professionals to provide first rate service to their Liberty Wing teammates. Anytime vehicles, cargo, or personnel move you can be sure this team of dedicated warriors is there to make it happen first time ... on time. The traffic management flight makes sure personnel and cargo are in the right place at the right time through their passenger, packing and crating, and freight sections. The vehicle maintenance flight provides first rate service and repairs to the wing's more than 750 vehicles, ranging from pickup trucks to highly sophisticated aircraft towing and fire fighting vehicles. The vehicle dispatch and fleet management sections that comprise the vehicle operations flight direct the movement and control the authorizations of all assigned vehicles. As the focal point for all deployments or contingency operations, the combat readiness and resources flight makes sure the wing is able to project its leading-edge technology whenever and wherever it may be needed. This proud team of professionals is dedicated to keeping the Liberty Wing moving.

It's safe to conclude that everything we use will have to be repaired or modified sometime during its life cycle, and the 1,200 maintainers in the 48th Component Repair Squadron, 48th Logistics Support Squadron, and 48th Equipment Maintenance Squadron do just that. Our Log Group maintainers have put together an enviable record of excellence by making sure our Eagles stay healthy and by ensuring all munitions (\$5 billion worth) are available in the right numbers and ready to go if and when we are called on to demonstrate superior air power.

Steadfast in their exceptional performance, the 48th Equipment Maintenance Squadron garnered the 1998 Secretary of Defense Award for Maintenance Excellence and the 1997 Air Force Maintenance Effectiveness Award. Integral to our many successes is our close partnership with the 48th Operations Group. Together we led the wing in capturing the 1997 USAFE Daedalian Maintenance Award. Contracting, supply, transportation and maintenance – significant functions performed by the Liberty Wing logisticians. Obviously, our Air Force is a team within a team, and there is no doubt in my mind that the mission could not be accomplished without the contributions of every member – especially the proud professionals of the 48th Logistics Group!

48th Logistics Group



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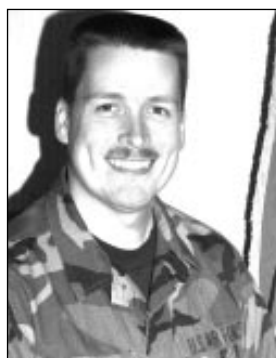
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48th LSS

Guiding 48th FW, groups

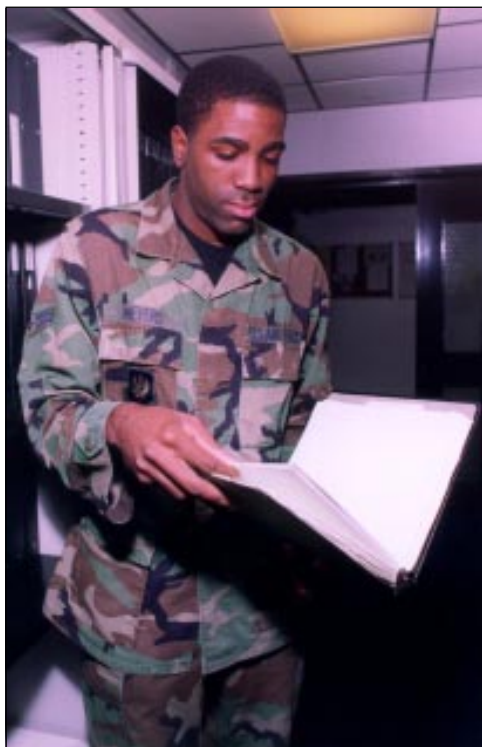


Photo by A1C Louis Rivers
A1C Tony Meyers, 48th Logistics Support Squadron engine management element, looks at engine records to check for discrepancies.

The 48th Logistics Support Squadron is a proud team of logistics experts providing guidance, insight, and support for the efficient operation of the 48th Logistics Group. The many staff functions of the LSS band together in a team effort to form the operations flight and logistics training flight. In addition, the logistics group staff headed up by the quality assurance office is administratively aligned within the LSS.

The operations flight takes great pride in handling all manning, facility, and budget issues within the group. These offices deal with the day-to-day issues of filling more than 1,700 manning authorizations, maintaining the group's 220 facilities, and managing an operations and maintenance budget of \$2.2 million along with a flying hour program budget of \$106.5 million. The engine management element is also an integral part of the operations flight. They manage all documentation of the wing's fleet of F100-PW-220 and F100-PW-229 aircraft engines.

The logistics training flight is the "school house" for aircraft maintenance

and ancillary training. These professional educators develop and instruct more than 40 courses for the logistics and operations groups. They are the only logistics training flight in U.S. Air Forces in Europe maintaining the Community College of the Air Force affiliation criteria allowing students to earn college credit for course completion. So far for fiscal year 1998, 282 students earned 395 college credits while taking workcenter-required courses.

The quality assurance team provides a wide range of on and off equipment maintenance expertise to the group. Observing the numerous maintenance processes, they are the "eyes and ears" of the logistics group commander ensuring technical compliance and offering an assessment of the overall "health of the group." The product improvement section ensures we get the required

performance out of every part we purchase. In fiscal year 1998, the wing recovered more than \$18 million by identifying deficient parts.

The Gold Flag section looks for innovative ways to make local repairs on aircraft parts. Their efforts equate to expanded base self-sufficiency, increased combat capability, and cost savings to the wing. For fiscal year 1998, Gold Flag initiatives generated more than \$435,000 in savings and cost avoidance. The group's local area network managers round out the LSS team. They provide expertise in maintaining and operating more than 900 computers within the group and serve as a vital link to the wing network control center. *(Information provided by the 48th Logistics Support Squadron.)*



Photo by SrA. Sarah Franco
TSgt. Nate Oakes, 48th Logistics Support Squadron training flight, discusses a problem with SSgt. Thomas Cook, 494th Fighter Squadron, a student in the F-15E engine run recertification class.

48th CRS supports fighter squadrons

The 48th Component Repair Squadron, with 500-plus people, continues to provide top-notch support to the fighter squadrons' demanding aircraft sortie rates. A new commander is on board as well as new flight chiefs in the avionics flight and the test, measurement and diagnostic equipment flight. 1998 has been challenging for CRS because of the constant parts shortages with the F100-PW-229 engine, the relocation of the engine shop, and the upcoming aerospace and metrology guidance center audit in November.

The propulsion flight worked numerous engine parts shortages and chronic reliability problems with some engines this year. The problem peaked in February when the wing was at an all-time high for engine holes. Although this problem didn't occur overnight, to some it may have appeared that way. The fix to the problem had been started eight months earlier and the projected get-well date was September. In just four months, the engine shop eliminated all of the engine holes – well on the way to the projected get-well date. Through the summer, higher unscheduled engine removals than predicted led to projecting the get-well date out to December. Key to the recovery effort was the dedication of the propulsion flight leadership as well as the constant support provided by the 48th Fighter Wing.

The test, measurement and diagnostic equipment flight is less than two months away from their report card – the AGMC audit. This audit comes around every two years and is comparable to the functional inspection the wing received in May. They are busy preparing for the inspection and have gone to extended shifts to curtail a slowly climbing production backlog that could hinder audit preparation. Every area is being fine tuned and looked at twice. This is truly a yearlong effort in preparation. After the inspection, outsourcing and privatization is just on the horizon for TMDE flight. In an effort to reduce Air Force costs, TMDE was one of the maintenance sections that was targeted to be replaced by civilian contract now scheduled for fiscal year 2000. CMSgt. Bob McCall, the outgoing TMDE



Photo by A1C Louis Rivers

SSgt. Jim Martin, 48th Component Repair Squadron sensors element, installs a central electrical unit chips, which controls all electronics in the LANTIRN pod.

flight chief, was selected to help the Air Force in a smooth transition from blue suiters to civilian contractors and is PCSing to the Pentagon this month to ensure success.

The avionics flight continues to surpass Air Force standards for LANTIRN mission capable rates. This marks the fifth year in a row that the LANTIRN shop exceeded that standard. Reflecting on the past to prepare for the future, it has been less than one year since the manual/electronic shop astounded the F-15 system program office by pioneering the fleet-wide reprogramming of the digital electronic engine controllers and engine diagnostic units, alleviating engine compressor stalls at take-off.

The accessory maintenance flight continues to provide direct support to all three fighter

squadrons. They continue to manage the electrical and environmental phase program as well

as manage the distribution of electrical and environmental personnel between the fighter squadrons and the CRS repair shop. The egress shop continues to keep the aircrews safe and confident by performing more than 2,500 egress final inspections and more than 750 seat removals/installations during the past year. That's their job, and they do it well. The fuel shop continues to plug fuel leaks and manages an aggressive fuel leak prevention program. They also do their job quite well.

Every squadron in the 48th Fighter Wing takes enormous pride in supporting the fighter squadrons' aircraft sortie rate. Every time a jet takes off, that is an effort of several thousand people throughout the wing ... an effort where you can see the result. To ensure the aircraft gets off the ground requires many technically diverse flights guiding and motivating people to do the job right the first time. The 48 CRS does that very well – fixing broken engines and setting the standard, ensuring guidance and electronic jamming systems get the jet on target and back the first time, ensuring crew ejection works as expected, fixing leaks whether it be fuel or hydraulic fluid, and calibrating all of the equipment that makes this possible. Five hundred-plus people delivering customer satisfaction to three fighter squadrons – that's what we are all about. *(Information provided by the 48th Component Repair Squadron.)*



Photo by A1C Louis Rivers

SSgt. Richard Williams and SrA. Joseph Stewart, 48th CRS egress element, inspect a pyrotechnic module, which sequences seat and canopy ejection in an aircraft.

48th CONS supports many

The 48th Contracting Squadron is one of a handful of 48th Fighter Wing organizations who support units and personnel other than those within the Liberty Wing. Besides the 48th Fighter Wing, the squadron's 42 personnel also provide base-level contracting support for the 100th Air Refueling Wing, 3rd Air Force Headquarters, 627th Air Mobility Support Squadron, 352nd Special Operations Group, Department of Defense Schools in the United Kingdom, Defense Commissary Agency in the United Kingdom, and 14 geographically separated units in the United Kingdom and Norway. The squadron directly supports 22,000 Department of Defense personnel by procuring more than \$33 million in services and equipment annually.

Whether it's having the floors vacuumed, a computer on your desk, a chair to sit in or having life-saving medical equipment repaired and maintained, every person is affected by contracting. To contract for these diverse services, The 48th CONS is comprised of three flights: commodities contracting, services contracting, and management analysis and system; plus the commander's staff and orderly room.

The commodities flight purchases all supply and equipment items as well as one-time and recurring services costing less than \$100,000. By the end of fiscal year 1998, the flight will have awarded more than 4,500 contracts and purchase orders valued at more than \$13.5 million.

Additionally the flight manages USAFE's largest international merchants purchase authorization card program. Every wing organization should maintain and use the IMPAC as the preferred purchase method for all commercial items and services under \$2,500. The three managers of this outstanding program train, advise, and conduct surveillance for more than 600 card holders and 120 approving officials at RAF Lakenheath, RAF Mildenhall and several DOD agencies throughout the United Kingdom and Norway. To increase IMPAC usage, the section created a customer-friendly IMPAC page on the squadron's Intranet site. The site includes information on more than 400 vendors, categorized by type of service, who accept IMPAC. The addition of this site with other innovative processes has ensured the program meets the Air Force goal of using IMPAC for 90 percent of all eligible purchases. Currently, our program stands at more than 93 percent use of the IMPAC.

The services flight awards and administers service contracts valued at more than \$45 million. The flight is responsible for base service contracts such as office copier services, hospital and commissary custodial, baggage handling service and bird control on the flightline. The flight is also responsible for contract quality assurance. The quality assurance program provides training to more than 100 organization quality assurance evaluators to ensure proper government surveil-



Photo by SrA. Scott Asche

SSgt. Anita Skipper, 48th Contracting Squadron, speaks with Bill Burkhardt, also of the 48th CONS. The contracting squadron supports more than 22,000 people by procuring more than \$33 million in services and equipment annually.

lance and contractor performance.

The management analysis and systems flight operates the squadron's computer network and automated systems. They also provide the commander with essential reports to track squadron workload and productivity. Additionally, they are the webmasters for the squadron's Internet and Intranet customer education sites.

Besides local contracting support, members from the squadron are continually called upon to provide contracting support for military and humanitarian operations and exercises in Africa, Europe, and Southwest Asia. Contingency contracting officers deploy with teams from the 48th Fighter Wing, 100th Air Refueling Wing, 352nd Special Operations Group, 3rd Air Force staff, and headquarters U.S. Air Force in Europe. During fiscal year 1998, members have deployed for 621 days in support of Operations Southern Watch, Northern Watch, Joint Venture, High Flight, Autumn Harvest, and Shepherd Venture to name a few. If it's on CNN, the 48th CONS is usually there.

The 48th CONS is a leader in USAFE contracting. The squadron impressed inspectors during the most recent functional inspection. The commodities flight and leadership and management area received "excellent" ratings. The squadron also received three pat on the back awards: IMPAC program,

quality assurance evaluator program, and contingency contracting program.

The squadron is set for new challenges in the future. The biggest challenge is to conduct an Air Force mandated squadron reorganization. The squadron is slated to reorganize its current structure of standard commodities and services flights to organizing flights by customer. Bottom line, customers will no longer chase their requirements in two different flights. One flight will handle all organization requirements. This one-stop service will be right in line with our tasking to become business advisors and partners with our customers.

The 48th CONS is committed to providing outstanding customer service. No matter what your requirement is, we are here to provide you with the very best contracting support in the Air Force. *(Information provided by the 48th Contracting Squadron.)*



Photo by SrA. Scott Asche

SrA. Lori Rowe, 48th Contracting Squadron contract repair, speaks with a customer.

48th Logistics Group keeps



Photo by A1C Louis Rivers
Amn. Matt Jackson, 48th Component Repair Squadron electrical/environmental element, replaces a transformer on a right vertical stab assembly. The 48th CRS 500-plus people support the wing's fighter squadrons' demanding aircraft sortie rates.



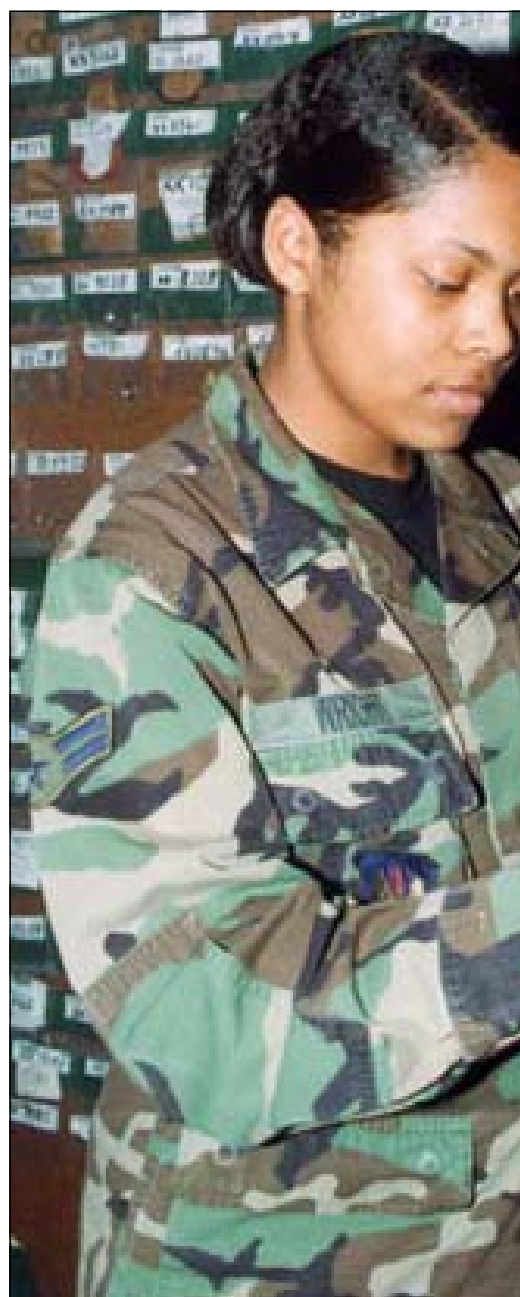
Photo by A1C Louis Rivers
SSgt. Belinda Scott, 48th Equipment Maintenance Squadron non-destructive inspection lab, burns oil samples taken off of F-15s to help make sure they are safe to fly. The 48th EMS is the largest and most diverse logistics squadron in U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

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A1C Urika Wright, 48th Supply Squadron consumable readiness spares packages, squadrons and five tenant units. Supply by line items valued at \$643 million. Additional equipment accounts, valued at \$322 million \$30 million.

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Photo by SrA. Scott Asche

SSgt. Chris Carlson, 48th Contracting Squadron commodities flight, reviews specifications for medical equipment. The squadron directly supports 22,000 Department of Defense personnel by procuring more than \$33 million in services and equipment annually.



Photo by SrA. Scott Asche

A1C Calvin Brooks, 48th Transportation Squadron fire truck maintenance, tightens a hose on a central tire inflation system. The squadron provides a wide range of transportation support to the 48th Fighter Wing.

48th EMS largest in USAFE



By TSgt. Bruce Hamilton
48th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

The 48th Equipment Maintenance Squadron is the largest, most productive most diverse logistics squadron in U.S. Air Forces in Europe. With a staggering scope of responsibility for 650-plus personnel divided among 12 Air Force Specialty Codes working in 41 distinctive work centers and within 194 facilities, EMS provides intermediate level and flightline maintenance and munitions support for the 492nd, 493rd, and 494th fighter squadrons as well as several wing and USAFE agencies.

Leading off the five EMS flights is the munitions flight consisting of 14 elements aligned under two divisions, maintenance and operations. Responsibilities for more than \$5 billion of munitions assets are divided into storage and handling, build-up and testing, and accounting functions. The munitions flight's 360 personnel support aircrew training, base support and contingency requirements for the 48th Fighter Wing's aircraft,

RAF Mildenhall's special operations group aircraft, and various operations support requirements throughout USAFE. The flight also administers, operates and maintains the combat ammunition system-base computer system. Due to the sensitivity of their business this flight is consistently scrutinized in a myriad of inspections to include the Ministry of Defence weapons standardization team inspection, USAFE standardization evaluation inspection, MOD explosive safety inspection, joint surety inspections, and reviews by the Air Force Audit Agency. Recently, the programs and mobility, and CAS-B elements received pat-on-the-back awards for outstanding support to the wing during the 1998 USAFE Inspector General functional inspection.

The aerospace ground equipment flight is responsible for the combat readiness of 93 personnel and nearly 700 pieces of AGE, valued at more than \$15 million. They are organized under the combat AGE team concept in support of three fighter squadrons, transient alert, 48th Logistics Support Squadron training, munitions and several Lakenheath agencies. The AGE flight picks up, delivers, repairs, modifies, services and inspects all assigned AGE while managing the upkeep and modification of \$1.5 million in facilities and infrastructure to sustain flight productivity. Among their most recent accomplishments is the USAFE Inspector General Award of Excellence for exceptional performance during the 1997 joint surety inspection.

The armament flight comprises 56 personnel organized into two sections, maintenance and support. They perform on- and off-equipment maintenance to 1,300 pieces of suspension equipment for assigned aircraft armament systems, guns, pylons, racks, launchers and adapters. Their exceptional flight preparations led to the USAFE Inspector General's Pat on the Back award for zero defects in programs and technical operations for the 1997 joint surety inspection.

The fabrication flight's 97 personnel provide timely, quality maintenance on assigned/transient aircraft and AGE. The flight consists of aircraft structural maintenance, metals technology, survival equipment, and non-destructive inspection. They repair, maintain, modify, local manufacture and inspect aircraft and



Photo by A1C Louis Rivers
Amn. James Stoops, 48th Equipment Maintenance Squadron survival equipment, sews rank and velcro on a flight suit.

equipment components and also inspect, repair and repack personnel, drogue and deceleration parachutes. In addition, they maintain critical pilot life support equipment/devices in support of the wing's mission. Their achievements were rewarded when the fabrication flight received an Inspector General Certificate of Excellence for an Outstanding rating for the May functional inspection.

Last but certainly not least is the maintenance flight, with 31 personnel divided between repair and reclamation and transient aircraft maintenance.

Repair and reclamation maintains recovery capability for damaged or crashed aircraft and also works flight control, landing gear, doors, canopies and associated F-15C/D/E equipment. Repair and reclamation also assembles aircraft wheels and tires to include build-up, refurbishment, test and storage. Transient aircraft maintenance provides launch and recovery, aircraft servicing and maintenance services (as required) to visiting aircraft.

We are the 48th Equipment Maintenance Squadron; winners of the 1998 Secretary of Defense Award for Maintenance Excellence. Our well trained, disciplined and supported maintenance professionals are distinguished, distinctive, persistent and self-acting. We preserve the Liberty Wing's mission, whenever and wherever tasked!



Photo by A1C Louis Rivers
SrA. Jeannette Grimm, 48th Equipment Maintenance Squadron non-destructive inspection lab, sets up an X-ray unit to X-ray a horizontal stabilizer.

Pride in support – 48th SUPS



By CMSgt. Gail Stringer
48th Supply Squadron

The 48th Supply Squadron takes pride in providing outstanding supply support to the men and women who maintain and operate 20 F-15C Eagles and 52 F-15E Strike Eagles, the Air Force's premier fighters. These Liberty warriors are the hub of mission support, proudly serving more than 22 squadrons and five tenant units. The squadron sustains a high level of combat capability through support and training. To meet the demanding needs of the wing, supply buys, stocks, and delivers more than 33,000 line items valued at \$643 million. Additionally, they manage more than 372 custodial equipment accounts, valued at \$322 million, and an aviation and ground fuel budget of \$30 million.

Their support and services are reflected in their mission statement; "Sustain the Liberty Wing mission through quality supply and fuels support."

They provided the supply and fuels support for 14 wing deployments that traversed 20

countries and seven states this year. This included contingency operations and exercises such as Northern Watch, Red Flag, Coronet Exchange, and Distant Thunder. While supporting the wing's operations tempo, they were able to sustain the best F-15 supply rates in the Air Force.

The squadron's motto "Pride in support" serves as the inspirational punctuation mark to all its endeavors and triumphs. They are the recognized leaders in the Air Force for utilization and program enhancements of the environmental management information system. This led to sponsoring the U.S. Air Forces in Europe hazardous materiel management process team conference, driving improvements in hazardous materiel tracking and reporting systems. They were the first in the command's supply community to make the bold move of establishing a four-flight supply account. Under this new infrastructure, the one-stop operation was born, consolidating all customer contact areas to provide customers with a centralized location to take care of all their supply requirements. As lead base in USAFE for the fuel system conversion to JP8+100, their unrivaled expertise fostered conversion a year early.

Their superior ability in meeting mission and customer requirements was recognized during the May 1998 USAFE functional inspection. Every flight received an Excellent



Photo by SrA. Scott Asche
A1C Danielle Harris, 48th Supply Squadron hazardous materials pharmacy, selects property for issue to customers.

rating. The USAFE inspector general presented them with two Pats on the Back and the coveted IG Award of Excellence for innovative automation efforts. Members of the squadron demonstrated their supply improvement programs at the June 1998 USAFE's Chief of Supply conference. This led to a two-week TDY to four USAFE bases in which four members of the squadron loaded assorted software and trained more than 100 people to use the programs. This unit took the lead implementing the Air Staff's initiative to reduce base service store stocks. To minimize the transition for their many customers, they established the command's first international merchants purchase authorization card center and created an electronic shopping mall, providing desktop shopping. These two tools will be available for all customers Oct. 1. The USAFE supply staff were impressed, and asked the Liberty suppliers to share this initiative with all USAFE supply accounts.

The 48th Supply Squadron continues to prepare for "Supply 2000" which entails manpower reductions, elimination of general support stock and using emerging technologies to consolidate processes. The squadron is committed to providing total quality service by using their expertise in the computer arena to ensure the mission is accomplished and customer needs are met.



Photo by SrA. Scott Asche
Bill Schmidt, a 48th Supply Squadron Department of Defense employee, inventories equipment items at tools and issue.

48th TRNS provides support

The 48th Transportation Squadron takes great pride in providing a wide range of transportation support to the men and women who are assigned to the 48th Fighter Wing. From the moment you arrive in England and catch the bus to RAF Lakenheath to the time you receive your port call, there is little doubt in anyone's mind that the dedicated warriors assigned to this squadron keep the Liberty Wing on the move.

The 48th TRNS combines the talents of vehicle operators, vehicle maintainers, traffic management specialists and contingency support professionals to provide the support necessary to keep the Liberty Wing's leading-edge team and leading-edge technology poised at the tip of the spear. Whenever vehicles, cargo or personnel move this team of more than 160 military, Department of Defense and Ministry of Defence members are there to make it happen.

The squadron is divided into four flights, each playing a vital role in the day-to-day activities of RAF Lakenheath.

The traffic management flight gets members and their families to where they're going. The passenger section arranges more than 4,000 port calls every year, including the responsibility of the commercially contracted airport shuttle to Gatwick and Heathrow for more than 10,000 people annually. They also provide quick and compassionate assistance to more than 200 people each year as they struggle with the hardships of emergency leave. But that's not all – any official item shipped from Lakenheath is processed by the packing and crating section. They process nearly 200,000 items a year throughout the world. The freight section takes it from there and ships an incred-

ible 300,000 pounds of cargo every month. Now that's keeping things on the move.

The vehicle maintenance flight maintains a diverse fleet of more than 750 American and European designed vehicles valued in excess of \$30 million dollars, ranging from commercial sedans to the most complex special-purpose vehicles in the Air Force inventory. These include snow removal, aircraft towing and loading, aircraft refueling, materials handling and firefighting vehicles. To ensure the Liberty Wing stays on the move, this flight performs scheduled services and repairs to more than 350 vehicles each month. Maintenance capabilities range from troubleshooting and quick-fix repairs, to major component rebuild or replacement, to a wide variety of body and fender repairs.

The vehicle operations flight consists of two major sections: dispatch and fleet management. The dispatch section is directly

involved with its customers and provides services such as aircrew support, taxi service, shuttle bus service and the U-Drive-It vehicles. Fleet management maintains accountability of all assigned vehicles and ensures their effective use by providing requesters with the right vehicles to accomplish the mission. In addition, they roll out the red carpet and represent the wing for more than 100 distinguished visitors each year.

deployment or contingency operation.

As a vital component of the wing's ability to accomplish its mission, the men and women of the transportation squadron take great pride in providing first rate support and individualized service to each of their customers. They are a proud group of professionals who keep the Liberty Wing moving. (*Information provided by the 48th Transportation Squadron.*)



Photo by SrA. Scott Asche

A1C Christopher Plourde, 48th Transportation Squadron surface freight, blocks and braces a dump truck for outbound freight. This is only one part of the 48th TRNS's mission.

The combat readiness and resources flight performs a vital roll in the wing's ability to project its leading-edge technology. Its main mission is to prepare the wing for mobility exercises and real-world deployments. To make sure the wing is ready, they train more than 80 people every month in cargo preparation, pallet build-up and hazardous cargo certification.

They are the squadron's focal point in any major movement,



Photo by SrA. Scott Asche

SSgt. Joe Pyle, 48th Transportation Squadron traffic management office passenger travel section, hands over tickets for official travel to SSgt. Howard Yard, 48th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Public access closed to bazaar because of heightened base security

Public access has been closed to the annual RAF Lakenheath Officers' and Civilian's Spouses' Club Bazaar scheduled here for Oct. 2-3 due to the base's heightened state of security driven by recent world events.

Only those people who normally have access to RAF Lakenheath and British guests sponsored by a U.S. government identification card holder will be admitted. Guests may make purchases and must be signed in at the RAF Lakenheath visitors' center at Gate 1 before entering the base. They must remain with their sponsors at all times while on base.

The RAF Lakenheath commander said he regretted having to limit public access to the bazaar, but that it was necessary to ensure public safety and base security.

"Our decision to close the bazaar to the public was difficult, as we've always counted on the British public to support the OCSC's philanthropic efforts," said Col. Carl Van Pelt, 48 FW commander. "Given our base's current heightened security situation, however, we're simply unable to screen the thousands of

people who normally attend the bazaar. Opening RAF Lakenheath's gates could put the safety of those attending the bazaar in question."

Despite the lower numbers expected to attend this year's bazaar, seventy percent of bazaar proceeds will still go to base and community charities as it has in past years. The OCSC also plans to hold additional fund raising events during the next year to offset expected losses from the bazaar's closure to the public.

Authorized I.D. card holders include:

U.S. military
U.S. Military (dependents)
U.S. Military (retired)
NATO Military
Host Nation Military
Host Nation Military (dependents)
DOD employee
DOD employee (dependents)

State Department staff (U.S. Embassy)

Other authorized patrons include:

Most AAFES Employees (British Nationals)
Most DECA Employees (British Nationals)
Contractors
AAFES Vendors (not taking part in the bazaar)
British nationals employed by NAF
MOD Contractors
British Civilians employed by the British Government (RAF Form 2185)

The OCSC is looking volunteers. Volunteers receive incentives including early shopping, door prizes and child-care reimbursement. Call Shannon Duvall at (01842)754583 for details.

News notes

Fuel issue limited

Fuel is limit after 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at the military fuels service station for end-of-year processing. Only emergency vehicles will be fueled upon request. Other organizations should ensure their vehicles are filled before 7:45 a.m. Call 7-5971 for details.

Speed checks implemented

The British Transport Police will be carrying out random speed checks on the B1112 near the Lakenheath railway crossing adjacent to Lakenheath train station between RAF Feltwell and RAF Lakenheath due to an increased number of traffic violations there.

Drivers from RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall are advised to watch their speed and be aware of the red warning lights and signals on approach to the crossing, according to transport police.

"We hope that by taking this course of action now we can avoid a serious accident or worse still, a fatality, in the future," said Police Constable Paul DeBoick, British Transport Police. Call the BTP at (01223)352031 for details.

DAPS closure slated

The defense automated print-

ing service will be closed Monday through Wednesday. It will reopen Thursday.

Post office closure

The post office hours are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday. Call 7-5464 for more information.

Goal day slated

Monday is a wing goal day, by order of Col. Carl Van Pelt, 48th Fighter Wing commander. All non-essential military members have the day off. A liberal civilian-leave policy is in effect for the day.

Retiree appreciation days

The retiree activities office at RAF Lakenheath sponsors retiree appreciation days Thursday, and Oct. 2 and 3. An icebreaker is from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday in the Liberty Club ballroom. Oct. 2, the day kicks off with an opening ad-

dress at 9 a.m. at the base theater. A variety of health services are offered by the 48th Medical Group and health and wellness center from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. There will be several booths and displays. All are open to base personnel as well. Representatives from HM Immigration, Constabulary and other local services will be available, and identification cards may

be renewed.

A dinner and dance, costing \$17, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the officers' club, and a barbecue and picnic is at noon Oct. 3 in the officers' club. Cost is \$12. To make billeting arrangements, call the retiree office at 7-2645. For more information, call the retiree office or the health and wellness center at 7-2710.

Schools

School pictures

RAF Feltwell Elementary School has student school pictures being taken Oct. 1 and 2. Preschool pictures will be from 2:40 to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 1 and 2. There will be family portraits done from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 2 and from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 3. Purchase are available for \$10 certificate that is good for a 10 inch x 13 inch family portrait. Couples and single adults for the family portraits

are also available. Information is sent home with your child for the school picture packages being offered and for family portraits. Call (01842)828737 for reservations for more information.

School bus seating

Parents and sponsors registering students for school bus passes have the option of having the siblings seated either together or separate. Call 7-3752 for more information.

The COLA monitor

Has COLA changed? Yes

COLA has gone up, and service members will see a larger paycheck Oct. 1

Community

Art dealers make appearance

Vector Fine Art Prints will attend the OCSC bazaar Oct. 2 and 3. Nicolas Trudgian will attend Oct. 3 to sign autographs. Call (01323)846877 for details.

Prescription requirements implemented

The following requirements regarding the release of prescriptions to patient representatives start Jan. 1. Call 7-8350 for details.

□ Dependent children 16 and younger:

An individual other than the parent or legal guardian must have a valid photo identification card, the child's identification card or photocopy and have a signed statement from the patient authorizing the representative to act on the patient's behalf for this purpose.

□ **Patient representatives:** Those retrieving medications for patients must have a valid photo identification card, the patient's identification card or photocopy and a signed statement from the patient authorizing the representative to act for the patient.

Spouse tuition assistance

Applications for spouse tuition assistance for second term are available at the education center. The application deadline is close of business Oct. 1. The program pays up to 50 percent or a maximum of \$300 per term for on-base contracted schools programs.

5-a-side soccer

The youth center sponsors youth 5-a-side indoor soccer. Registration is at the youth center through Oct. 9. Fees are \$30 for non-members and \$25 for members. Call 7-3180 for more information.

Women's swim hour

A woman's only swim session is from 8 to 9 p.m. Wednesday nights. Call 7-2815 for more information.

Rugby

The RAF Lakenheath Rugby team practices at 6 p.m. Wednesdays at the RAF Mildenhall softball fields. Games are Saturdays. Anyone may play. Call 89-5909 or 7-8742 for more information.

Varsity volleyball

The women's team seeks players. Tryouts are during the practices listed below. Call 7-3879 for more information.

Services

Breakfast bar

The officers' club offers an all-you-can-eat breakfast bar from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday. Cost for members is \$5.95 and \$2.95 for children. Call 7-2535 for more information.

Aero club

Throughout September, people can receive an incentive flight when joining the aero club. Member benefits include: discovery flights, flight training, aircraft rental for licensed pilots and ground school courses for FAA test preparation. Call 7-3152 for more information.

Football frenzy

The Liberty and officers' clubs sponsor football frenzy with games and gifts Sundays during the NFL football season through the Super Bowl. Prizes include T-shirts, a \$150 gift certificate to Pro Team Sports Catalog, tickets to see the Dallas Cowboys play the New Orleans Saints in New Orleans, tickets to the Super Bowl in Miami, and tickets to the Pro Bowl in Hawaii. Each trip includes round-trip airfare for two, hotel accommodations and a rental car. Call the Liberty Club at 7-2489 or the officers' club at 7-2535 for more information.

Sports shorts

3-on-3 basketball

The youth center holds a 3-on-3 basketball for people 12 and older 6 to 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Three to five people per team. Call 7-3180 for details.

Lunchtime special

Liberty Lanes offers a lunchtime special to active-duty members from noon to 2 p.m. weekdays. Get two games of bowling, and choice of lunch including a drink and a burger and fries or taco salad or fish and chips for \$6.50. Call 7-2108 for details.

Climbing at the youth center

The youth center offers climbing classes for the "Radical Rock" from 5:30



At the movies

RAF Lakenheath

Today
7 p.m. - "Bullworth" (R) Starring Warren Beatty and Halle Berry. A wealthy U.S. senator is fed up with life and politics and takes out a large insurance policy on himself, then has a friend hire a hit man. When he has a change of heart, he frantically seeks out his friend, who is the only won who can call off the killer.

10 p.m. - "Dirty Work" (PG-13) Starring Norm MacDonald, Chevy Chase and Danny Glover. Two born losers get tired of always striking out. They finally find something they are good at, revenge ... for a price.

Saturday

4 p.m. - "Mulan" (G) Animated Disney movie. A young Chinese woman disguises herself as a man and joins the army in ancient China. She is aided by Mushu, a pint-sized guardian dragon, who counsels her while she trains to be a warrior. The story is based on a real Chinese legend.

7 p.m. - "Bullworth" (R)

Sunday

4 p.m. - "Mulan" (G)

7 p.m. - "Armageddon" (PG-13) Starring Bruce Willis and Billy Bob Thornton. A huge asteroid the size of Texas is headed directly toward earth at 22,000 mph. America decides to send the best rock driller and his crew to destroy the asteroid.

Monday

7 p.m. - "Dr. Doolittle" (PG-13) Starring Eddie Murphy and David Platt. A man has it all, a thriving career, a beautiful wife and two adorable daughters. He is about to sign the biggest financial deal of his life. Then something strange begins to happen. He suddenly discovers, he can communicate with animals.

Tuesday

7 p.m. - "Out of Sight" (R) Starring George Clooney and Jennifer Lopez. A bank robber escapes anything but peace by escaping from prison. He plans to rob a tycoon and ends up seducing the female marshal who's supposed to capture him.

Wednesday

7 p.m. - "Mulan" (G)

Call Pine View theater at 7-2139 for more information.

RAF Mildenhall

Today

7 p.m. - "Blade" (R) Starring Wesley Snipes and Stephen Dorff. Blade is half-human and half-vampire, orphaned and outcast as a child. He is discovered and aided by Abraham Whistler, a professional hunter. Under Whistler's guidance, Blade's fierce powers are honed, as he becomes an immortal warrior who battles a thriving underworld of vampires.

9:30 p.m. - "Armageddon" (PG-13)

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Call Box 'D' theater at 89-2351 for more information.

Beginning Oct. 5 men's volleyball practices are:

□ From 2:15 to 5 p.m. Sundays - fitness and sports center gym.

□ From 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays - RAF Lakenheath High School.

Beginning Oct. 10 women's volleyball practices are:

□ From 5 to 7 p.m. Saturdays - fitness and sports center gym.

□ From 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays - RAF Lakenheath High School.

Swim Britain

To make swimming laps more interesting, pick a goal and swim the distance. Swim the laps during any swim or masters session. Call 7-2815 for more information.

Football tournament

The fitness and sports center offers a flag-football tournament at 9 a.m. Sunday at RAF Feltwell. The event is free, and players must be 16 or older. Call 7-3607 for more information.

Intramural standings

Intramural flag-football

Monday-Wednesday-Friday division

Standings as of Monday

Team	W	L
48 MDG GRP	4	0
48 MSS	4	0
48 CS	2	2
48 SFS/DAWGS	2	2
48 EMS	2	3
48 CES	1	3
48 CONS	0	5

Intramural softball

Tuesday - Thursday division

Standings as of Monday

Team	W	L
48 TRANS	5	1
48 SUPPLY	4	1
48 SFS LANCERS	2	1
48 SFS EAGLES	2	2
494TH	2	2
493RD	1	2